

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
April 28, 2004**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Winifred S. Shapiro, Chairman
Gilbert S. McCutcheon, Vice Chairman
Jennifer E. Heinz, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
Glenda M. Blake
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng*
Georgette Kohler
George E. Lovelace
Joanne E. Malone
Harold L. Strickland
Frank S. Vajda

*Arrived at 9:26 p.m. (during Bond
Workshop Closed Session)

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Brian Daly
Cindy Messinger
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Mona Enquist-Johnston
Peter Furey
Sousann Frankeberger
Doug Guzman
John Lehman
Kathryn Palmer-Jenkins
Rex Peters
Kay Rutledge
Sue Tibbetts
Ted Zavora

Guests: Gary Fenton, Executive Director, NVRPA
Todd Hafner, Director of Planning and Development, NVRPA
Walter Mess, Chairman of the NVRPA
Jean Packard, Board Member of the NVRPA

AGENDA CHANGES

Mrs. Shapiro asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Since there were no changes, Mrs. Shapiro announced that she would proceed with the Agenda as publicized. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

PRESENTATIONS

P-1 Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA)

Mrs. Shapiro welcomed representatives from the NVRPA: Walter Mess, Chairman, Jean Packard, Board Member, Gary Fenton, Executive Director, and Todd Hafner, Director of Planning and Development, to the Park Authority Board meeting.

Mr. Fenton presented a slide show overview of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority parks.

P-2 Fairfax County Park Authority Volunteer Program

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, Sousan Frankeberger, Kathryn Palmer-Jenkins and Mona Enquist-Johnston, presented a report highlighting the Park Authority's volunteer program and its management of more than 2,000 volunteers. In 2003, volunteers contributed more than 144,257 hours valued at more than \$2.4 million.

Ms. Enquist-Johnston announced that the 2004 Fairfax County Volunteer Services Awards had been held on April 22nd at the McLean Hilton in Tysons Corner.

Bob Fuss, a volunteer with the Park Authority's Adapted Aquatics program, received an award for Individual Direct Services in Human Services.

Julie Jordan Clemente, Chair of the Friends of the CLEMYJONTRI Committee, received the Community Leadership Award

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes - April 14, 2004, Park Authority Board Meeting**

Mr. Strickland **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Minutes dated April 14, 2004 as AMENDED; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone.

Page 4**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:**

First Paragraph / Second-to-Last Sentence – Correct to read:

In response, the Department of Management and Budget (DMB) reported that there could be an increase; however, DMB staff does not recommend this because the authorization would reduce the Board of Supervisors' flexibility over the next 10 years.

The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Mrs. Heinz **ABSTAINING** and Mr. Feng being absent.

ACTION ITEMS**A-1 Contract Award - Athletic Field Renovations at Grist Mill Park**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 7, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a contract award for the Base Bid to EMSI Engineering Inc., of Manassas, Virginia in the amount of \$721,066 for construction of the athletic field renovations at Grist Mill Park. In addition, the Director recommended reserving \$72,107 or ten (10) percent of the contract award for contract contingency, \$43,264 or six (6) percent of the contract award for administrative costs and \$21,200 for utilities. The TOTAL COST is \$857,637; **SECONDED** by Mr. Strickland. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent.

A-2 Contract Award - Maintenance Facility and Related Work at Laurel Hill Golf Course

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on April 7, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a contract award to Creative Finishes Inc. of Silver Spring, Maryland in the amount of \$750,600 for construction of the Maintenance Facility and Related Work at Laurel Hill Golf Course. In addition, the Director recommended reserving \$75,060 or ten (10) percent of the contract award for contract contingency. The TOTAL COST is \$825,660; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent.

INFORMATION ITEM**I-1 2002-2006 Park Authority Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. White stated that the 2004 Implementation Plan will be delayed about a month to incorporate the Resource Management Plan into the Strategic Plan. The new 2004 Implementation Plan will be presented to the Park Authority Board in May 2004.

No action was necessary.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- **Opening of Wakefield Skatepark**

Mrs. Shapiro reported that the opening of the Wakefield Skatepark was held on Saturday, April 24. Mrs. Shapiro thanked Board Members Feng, Kohler, Malone and Vajda for attending. Also in attendance were Chairman Connolly, Supervisor Bulova and Alex Bauer, a 15 year-old who showed up in Supervisor Bulova's office with his father and lobbied for the skatepark at Wakefield several years ago.

Mrs. Shapiro thanked the staff at Wakefield Park and Lake Accotink for putting the event together. Mrs. Shapiro also thanked Judy Pedersen and her staff, the Project Management Team and especially Jim Duncan, the Project Manager, for getting the project finished on time.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- **2004 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards Recipients**
Since Mrs. Enquist-Johnston had previously reported the Park Authority's Volunteers awards, Mr. Kane congratulated both the Volunteers Bob Fuss and Julie Jordan Clemente for their recent awards.
- **PBS Program Highlights Frying Pan Springs Meeting House**
The PBS program, *Religion and Ethics Newsweekly*, recently completed filming several episodes at the Frying Pan Springs Meeting House. The program airs to approximately one-million viewers on 256 networks worldwide. One episode has already aired, and the second and third episodes are scheduled to appear the next two Sundays. The second episode will include an interview with Yvonne Johnson of Frying Pan Park. PBS will send copies of all the episodes to the Park Authority. The Fairfax Park Authority is thanked in the credits.
- **Tawny Hammond Receives the Bob Westmoreland Award for Community Service**
Mr. Kane congratulated Tawny Hammond, Manager of Lake Accotink Park, for receiving the Bob Westmoreland Award for Community Service on April 14 at the American Legion Post 176 in Springfield. Ms. Hammond was recognized for her outreach efforts to involve the community in activities at Lake Accotink.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**STANDING COMMITTEES****Administration and Management Committee**

Chairman: Mrs. Heinz

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mr. Feng, and Mr. Lovelace

Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Division Director for Administration

Mrs. Heinz, Chairman of the Administration and Management Committee, reported that the next committee meeting would be announced.

Budget Committee

Chairman: Mr. Feng

Members: Ms. Blake, Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, and Mr. Fay

Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Division Director for Administration

Mr. Feng, Chairman of the Budget Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated January 14, 2004, February 25, 2004 and March 10, 2004. The next committee meeting would be announced.

Planning and Development Committee

Chairman: Mr. Strickland

Members: Mrs. Heinz, Ms. Malone, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Lynn Tadlock, Division Director for Planning and Development

Mr. Strickland, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated February 4, 2004 March 3, 2004 and April 7, 2004. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2004.

Park Operations Committee

Chairman: Ms. Malone

Members: Ms. Heinz, Mr. Fay, Mr. Lovelace, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Strickland, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Brian Daly, Division Director for Park Operations

Ms. Malone, Chairman of the Park Operations Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated February 4, 2004. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2004.

Resource Management Committee

Chairman: Mr. Vajda

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Strickland

Staff: Cindy Messinger, Interim Division Director for Resource Management

Mr. Vajda, Chairman of the Resource Management Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated March 3, 2004. The April 14, 2004 committee minutes would be forthcoming. The next committee meeting would be announced.

Park Services Committee

Chairman: Mr. McCutcheon

Members: Ms. Blake, Mrs. Heinz, Mr. Batten, Mr. Feng, Mr. Lovelace, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Charlie Bittenbring, Acting Division Director for Park Services

Mr. McCutcheon, Chairman of the Park Services Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated January 7, 2004, March 3, 2004 and April 7, 2004. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2004.

FOR THE RECORD

Mrs. Heinz requested that the Park Services Committee minutes dated January 7, 2004, March 3, 2004, and April 7, 2004, the Budget Committee minutes dated January 14, 2004, February 25, 2004 and March 10, 2004, the Planning and Development committee minutes dated February 4, 2004, March 3, 2004 and April 7, 2004, the Resource Management Committee minutes dated March 3, 2004, and the Park Operations Committee minutes dated February 4, 2004, be entered into the record. **IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.**

BOARD MATTERS

- **Bond Hearing – Mount Vernon District**
Mr. McCutcheon thanked Park Authority Board Chairman Shapiro and Board Members Batten, Heinz, Kohler, and Malone for the attending the Bond Hearing for Mount Vernon District on April 26, 2004.
- **65th VMI Class Reunion**
Mr. McCutcheon reported that he had attended his 65th VMI Class Reunion with his “rat brothers” on April 24, 2004.
- **Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Task Force Update**
Mrs. Heinz reported that Friday, April 30th is the Summit – Educational/Cultural Summit meeting from 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the County of Fairfax, Land fill Administration Building, 9850 Furnace Road in Lorton. Participating educational institutions are Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason University, the Smithsonian, and Virginia Tech. Supervisor Hyland will be moderating the discussion.

The Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Task Force will meet in May to begin to finalize recommendations.

- **Pleasant Valley Park Memorial Plaque**

Mr. Strickland reported that he had represented the Park Authority on Saturday, April 26th at the Pleasant Valley Park by working with the community on a park improvement project in memory of a young girl who died from cancer. There were approximately 100 citizens participating in the project. Mr. Strickland reported that the Park Authority received numerous thanks for being so cooperative with the community in the completion of this project. The community also installed a plaque in memory of the child.

Mr. Strickland thanked the Area Crews for the installation of the new equipment.

- **Joint Meeting with Congressman Frank Wolf**

Mr. Strickland complimented Mr. Kane for his part in the negotiations with MWAA on the access to Sully. Congressman Wolf hosted a meeting earlier in the day to try to bring the parties together to find an acceptable solution.

Mr. Strickland reminded Board Members that on May 11, 2004, there will be a Public Workshop for the Sully Master Plan Revision.

- **Bond Hearing – Providence District**

Ms. Malone thanked Park Authority Board Chairman Shapiro, and Board Members Heinz, Kohler, and Lovelace for attending the Bond Hearing for Providence District on April 22, 2004.

- **Opening of Skatepark at Wakefield**

Ms. Malone reported that Chris Hoppe with his in-line skates was among those in the photos taken at the Skatepark's opening.

- **Bond Hearing – Mason District**

Mr. Vajda thanked Park Authority Board Chairman Shapiro and Board Members Feng, Heinz, and Malone for attending the Bond Hearing for Mason District on April 20, 2004.

- **Mr. Fay had no comments**

- **Upcoming Events at Huntley Meadows**

Mr. Batten invited Board Members to attend the Saturday, May 1st Advanced Birding at South King's Highway, from 7-10 am (reservations required), and the Wetlands Awareness Day on Sunday, May 2nd from noon to 3 pm. Both events will be held at Huntley Meadows.

- **Bond Hearings**
Ms. Kohler reported that she has been enjoying the Bond Hearings. Ms. Kohler has found the Bond Hearings to be interesting and extremely gratifying to watch citizens express passion for their individual causes. The Bond Hearings have been very successful and informative.
- **Skatepark Opening**
Ms. Kohler reported that she enjoyed watching the children during the April 24th Skatepark Opening. The children were just so excited about the new Skatepark.
- **Bond Hearings**
Mr. Lovelace reported that he is also enjoying the Bond Hearings. The Bond Hearings are very educational. Mr. Lovelace enjoys viewing the facilities and hearing the citizens express their ideas for the upcoming bond. Mr. Lovelace thanked everyone for making him feel welcome at all the Bond events.
- **Bond Hearings**
Ms. Blake stated that the Bond Hearings are truly an education and very interesting. Ms. Blake feels that it is important to hear directly from the citizens.
- **Touring of Parks**
Ms. Blake thanked staff for providing tours of various parks. Ms. Blake stated that the Park Authority parks are beautiful and fascinating.
- **Bond Hearings**
Mrs. Shapiro thanked the At-Large Board Members for attending the District Bond Hearings. This is an opportunity for them to receive a whole county perspective.
- **Bond Hearing – Lee District**
Mr. Batten invited Board Members to attend the Bond Hearing for Lee District on Monday, May 3, 2004 at 7:00 pm. The Bond Hearing will be held at Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road in Alexandria.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session was held during the Park Authority Board's Bond Workshop dated April 28, 2004

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 p.m. Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. Strickland.

The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent.

Jennifer E. Heinz
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on

Michael A. Kane, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

NOTE: After **ADJOURNMENT**, the Park Authority Board continued with the **BOND WORKSHOP** for Define Priorities in Bond Categories and with **CLOSED SESSION** for the 2004 Bond – Land Acquisition

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